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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 3-16, 18-22, 28-35 and 63-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Glenn (2001/0014486). The reference to Glenn teaches all of the structural features of the invention, including, for example, in Figs. 12A, a transparent element (49) adhesively attached to a die (23), where in addition, as shown in Fig. 19, the first surface of the transparent element which faces the die may have a trench to restrict the flow of the adhesive (48) across the surface of the die [0047].

In addition to the rectangular trench shown in Fig. 19, Glenn teaches that alternative shapes and equivalent configurations may also be used [0095]. Some of these equivalent configurations use trenches with curved shapes, or protuberances and mesas of varying shapes to lock the adhesive. See, for example, Figs. 13-17. Glenn also teaches that multiple grooves may be used in combination [0095].

As seen in Fig. 12A, the adhesive material at the edge of the transparent element may also cover wire bonds and solder bumps which electrically connect the die to conductive lines, which, in turn, may be formed from a conductive tape.

The specific imaging device and the materials used for the transparent element and adhesive material, are also taught by the reference.

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a).

Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

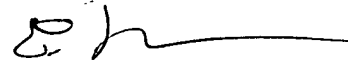
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